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Attn: Examiner M. Monshipouri

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/064,057; Filed: April 22, 1998
For: **Compositions and Methods for Reverse Transcription of Nucleic Acid Molecules**
Inventors: Gerard *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4330002/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) (in duplicate);
2. One sheet of Form PTO-1449 citing one document;
3. A copy of the cited document; and
4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are

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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Del Buono", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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*Via Hand Carry to Examiner M. Monshipouri
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of the document is also included herewith.

The numbering on this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed **July 18, 2000**, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

This Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of a final action or Notice of Allowance. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee payment of \$240.00 (37 C.F.R. 1.17(p)) to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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